

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA DIVISION

Cynthia Riggins,)	Civil Action No.: 0:15-2429-BHH
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	<u>ORDER</u>
)	
Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of)	
Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

On July 23, 2018, Robertson H. Wendt, counsel for Plaintiff, filed a motion for attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). (ECF No. 33.) Specifically, counsel requests reimbursement for representation provided in the above-captioned case in the amount of \$22,075.00. As required by 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), the amount requested by counsel is not greater than twenty-five percent of the past-due benefits recovered by Plaintiff.¹

On July 25, 2018, counsel for the Acting Commissioner of Social Security ("Commissioner") filed a response to the motion, in which she states that the Commissioner does not object to the motion. (ECF No. 34.) The Court has reviewed the motion and exhibits and finds that counsel's request for fees is reasonable.

Accordingly, IT IS **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's counsel's motion for attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) (ECF No. 33) is **GRANTED** in the amount of \$22,075.00. Plaintiff's counsel shall refund to Plaintiff the amount of fees previously awarded under the

¹ Plaintiff was awarded a total of \$88,300.00 in back-due benefits.

Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Bruce H. Hendricks

The Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks
United States District Judge

August 13, 2018
Charleston, South Carolina

² Plaintiff received \$6,500.00 in attorney’s fees under EAJA, and Plaintiff’s counsel must refund to Plaintiff the amount of fees already received. (ECF No. 32.) See *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789, 796 (2002) (noting that fees may be awarded under both § 406(b) and EAJA but that the claimant’s attorney must refund to the claimant the amount of the smaller fee) (internal quotations and citation omitted); *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2528 (2010).